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Fortifications

1. The construction of fortifications is in progress near the Yugoslav-Austrian border with Mojstrana as the westernmost point. The line then follows along the edge of the wood over heights 641-623-603-595-564 (near Sava)-885-631, crosses the railroad line and proceeds over heights 573 (near Dobrava)-551 (east of Moste)-658, then along the mountain ridge to heights 883-873 (north of Doslovice)-1076-1078-1133-1054.
2. The projected plan is to reconstruct the old Yugoslav trenches along this line, then build camouflaged machine-gun nests, larger strong points, and bridgeheads near the settlements and the river crossings. Ten youth brigades are working on these projects at present. The date for completion has been set for 30 October 1947.
3. Defense points (so-called eagle nests) are situated on a row south of the fortification line from Mojstrana to Sava on heights 1385-1366-1396-1393-1199-1152 and further. These fortifications are claimed to be impregnable, and only a small number of soldiers is necessary for their defense. Special refuges for defense troops have been constructed in mountain caves. These fortifications are said to have been constructed immediately after the defeat in 1944. Captured Ustashi and Domobranci were used as labor forces, and were shot after completion of the task. An estimated 300 men are said to be buried in five mass graves in this area.

Rocket Projector Batteries

4. Two wrought-iron frameworks, eight to ten meters in height, on high concrete bases are concealed in the woods in the triangle formed by Planed Vrh and heights 1102 and 1064. They are unguarded and are not supplied with ammunition.
5. In the triangle near Javornik, formed by heights 1287-1377-1277, there is one wrought-iron framework over 15 meters high on a concrete base, concealed in the woods and camouflaged with colored paint. Ammunition is stored in a hut camouflaged with branches. The area is guarded by two Yugoslav battalions (sic). During the night the guards are doubled and equipped with machine guns and strong electric lamps. During the daytime one man guards the framework, and two guard the ammunition. Second Lieutenant Dolenc and 20 men, stationed

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in Javornik, are a part of the troops guarding the area.

Comment: A map showing the exact locations of the fortifications and rocket projector batteries is available for loan.)

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